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SUBJECT: OECD NORTH-SOUTH GROUP MEETING: DISCUSSION OF

TDB AND UPCOMING CIEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETINGS

REFS: (A) STATE 254358; (B) OECD PARIS 29666

1. SUMMARY: NORTH-SOUTH GROUP MET FOR HALF-DAY OCTOBER

19. SECRETARIAT MADE BRIEF REPORT ON CURRENT TDB MEET-

ING. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT ACTION ON TRANSFER  
OF RESOURCE AND DEBT ISSUES SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR CIEC.

ONLY SWEDEN INDICATED IT MIGHT BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT A  
MODIFIED VERSION OF THE "ARSENIS" DRAFT RESOLUTION ON  
TRANSFER OF RESOURCES IF IT WERE PUT FORWARD BY THE 77.

IT WAS AGREED THAT OPTIMAL RESULT OF TDB DEBT DISCUSSION  
WOULD BE PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION POINTING TO CIEC AS FORUM  
FOR ACTION (WHICH WOULD NOT CONSIDER LLDC'S DEBT PROBLEMS

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SEPARATELY). DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION G-5 DELS BRIEFLY

OUTLINED PLANS FOR THIS MONTH'S SESSION. THERE WAS AGREEMENT WITH U.S. STATEMENT THAT ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO AGREE IN CIEC ON BROAD OBJECTIVES FOR MTN AND GIVE NEGOTIATIONS IMPETUS, G-8 SHOULD REJECT SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSAL TO REFINE TOKYO DECLARATION REFERENCES TO RECIPROCITY OR SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. TDB: SECRETARIAT (FRANCIS BLACK) BRIEFLY REVIEWED MAIN ISSUES CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION IN GENEVA. HE NOTED DISCUSSION ON TRANSFER OF RESOURCE ISSUES WAS BASED ON UNCTAD SECRETARIAT'S (ARSENIS) COMPROMISE DRAFT. U.S. DEL (RYAN) EXPRESSED WISH THAT ANY CONCLUSIONS IN THIS AREA BE RESERVED FOR CIEC. JAPAN AND SWITZERLAND SUPPORTED THIS VIEW EXPLICITLY, AND ONLY DEL TO QUESTION IT WAS SWEDEN WHO FELT SWEDEN MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ARSENIS TEXT IN TDB IF 77 DID SO. BLACK POINTED OUT THAT G-77 WAS REFERRING TO PASSAGE IN NAIROBI RESOLUTION ON LEAST DEVELOPED TO SUPPORT CALL FOR DECISION ON DEBT RELIEF FOR LEAST DEVELOPED AT TDB. U.S. DEL POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION AS TO HOW PASSAGE IN QUESTION WAS INSERTED IN RESOLUTION AND WHETHER ALL GROUP B MEMBERS HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE IT. AUSTRALIA (WHICH CURRENTLY SERVES AS GROUP B COORDINATOR) INDICATED THAT PASSAGE HAD BEEN AGREED TO BY FORMER GROUP B COORDINATOR IN NAIROBI (FRG) ALTHOUGH MOST LIKELY WITHOUT ADEQUATE CONSULTATION. THERE WAS AGREEMENT WITH BLACK'S OBSERVATION THAT BEST OUTCOME OF TDB DISCUSSION ON DEBT WOULD BE A PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ACTION IN CIEC.

3. DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: G-5 DELS BRIEFLY INDICATED PLANS FOR THIS MONTH'S SESSION. AFTER REPORTING ON DISCUSSIONS IN INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP ON DEBT, U.S. DEL DREW ON REF A TO STATE POSITION ON TREATMENT OF TRADE ISSUES IN CIEC. RYAN CHALLENGED SECRETARIAT'S ASSERTION IN ANNOTATED AGENDA THAT PROGRESS OF INTEREST TO LDC'S IN MTN HAD BEEN LIMITED ONLY TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS AREA. EC AND SWEDEN EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH U.S. POSITION THAT G-8 SHOULD AVOID ATTEMPTING TO DEVISE "GUIDELINES" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR MTN (REFINEMENTS OF TOKYO DECLARATION REFERENCES TO RECIPROCITY AND SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT). EC INDICATED IT WOULD TRY TO BE FORTHCOMING ON IMPROVEMENT OF GSP.

4. U.S. DEL INDICATED WE WANTED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO REQUEST FOR ATTENTION TO INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA BUT WERE STILL EXAMINING HOW AND WHETHER TO

REFER TO CAMEROONIAN PROPOSAL FOR DECADE OF DEVELOPMENT.  
EFFORT IN ANY CASE WOULD BE ONE MAINLY FOR MULTI-  
LATERAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS TO UNDERTAKE. EC AND SWEDEN  
EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT CAMEROONIAN PROPOSAL.

5. EC DEL MADE POINT OF EMPHASIZING THAT EC MEMBERS  
DID NOT WANT TO BE SEEN TO BE IN "DEMANDEUR" ROLE IN AREA  
OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/INVESTMENT/MNE'S. CANADA AND  
SWEDEN INDICATED THEY WERE NOT PLANNING TO SUBMIT PAPERS

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DURING OCTOBER SESSION, WHILE JAPANESE NOW FELT THAT  
THEY SHOULD MORE ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN G-8 CONSIDERATION  
OF DRAFT POSITION PAPERS BY PREPARING THEIR OWN. SWEDEN  
HINTED THAT IT WOULD BE TAKING MORE PASSIVE STANCE IN  
DISCUSSION OF ISSUES AT THIS SESSION SINCE IT FEELS ODA  
AND DEBT ARE MAIN ISSUES FOR DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

ACTION AND IS RELUCTANT TO GET OUT IN FRONT ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INVESTMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY ISSUES, PREFERRING TO SUPPORT ON-GOING DISCUSSIONS IN U.N. FORA. SWITZERLAND INFORMED GROUP THAT IN FINANCE COMMISSION IT WOULD BE PROPOSING THAT CIEC PARTICIPANTS AGREE ON SET OF PRINCIPLES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CAPITAL MARKETS, HELP ENSURE THAT FOREIGN INVESTMENTS CONTRIBUTE TO RECIPIENT-COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT, AND IMPROVE SECURITY OF FOREIGN INVESTMENTS. THERE WAS ALSO SHORT EXCHANGE ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, WHICH COMMISSION DISCUSSED BRIEFLY LAST MONTH. MOST AGREED THAT G-19 AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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US/EC/CANADIAN PROPOSALS HAD MUCH IN COMMON. JAPAN FELT MORE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SELF-HELP MEASURES, AND AUSTRALIA MADE A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION IN G-8 CONTACT GROUP WORKING TO REFINE US/EC/CANADIAN PAPER.

6. LONGER-TERM STRATEGY FOR NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS: FOR THE RECORD, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CHAIRMAN ROBERT TOOK OCCASION OF REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S XCSS MEETING TO MAKE PITCH FOR USE OF NORTH-SOUTH GROUP TO ELABORATE LONGER-TERM STRATEGY. HE ALSO DID SO AT LAST WEEK'S XCSS SESSION. HE DID SAY THIS TIME THAT NORTH-SOUTH GROUP MEMBERS WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO HELP SECGEN WITH HIS INITIAL SPADEWORK. ROBERT FELT THAT SECGEN WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION UNTIL EARLY NEXT YEAR AFTER CIEC.

7. NEXT MEETING OF GROUP WILL TAKE PLACE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 15 TO ALLOW TIME FOR G-8 CAUCUS THAT AFTERNOON. KATZ

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